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Honorable Jim Nussle Director Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503-0008

Dear Mr. Nussle:

I am submitting for your review, recommendations for a flood damage reduction project for May Branch, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The enclosed draft letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate express the views and recommendations of the Secretary of the Army.

The proposed project is described in the report of the Chief of Engineers dated December 19, 2006. A copy of the Chief's report and other supporting information are enclosed. The report was prepared under the authority of a March 11, 1982 resolution of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the United States House of Representatives. The project was authorized in Section 1001(7) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (P.L. 110-114).

Please advise this office whether the project is eligible for consideration in the President's budget.

Very truly yours,

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- 1. Proposed letter to Speaker, House of Representatives
- 2. Proposed letter to President, United States Senate
- 3. ASA(CW) letter Oct 27, 2005 granting exception
- 4. HQUSACE Report Summary
- 5. HQUSACE Documentation of Review Findings, Sep, 2006
- 6. Report of the Chief of Engineers, Dec 19, 2006
- 7. OASA(CW) Project Data, March 13, 2008
- 8. HQUSACE Project Briefing Slides
- 9. May Branch, Fort Smith Arkansas, Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment, Sep 2006.